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LOWER STEAK PRICES?

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson reported recently that there was a 16 per cent increase in the number of cattle on feed as of July 1st. This figure represents the increase as of this July compared with July, 1957.

In the thirteen major cattle feeding states the number of cattle on feed totaled 4,269,000 head, compared wih a figure of 3,678,000 in July of 1957. Every cornbelt state surveyed showed increases above the figures a year earlier, except Indiana, which experienced a drop of 8 per cent.

Iowa, the leading cattle-feeding state, registered a gain of 14 per cent. In noting these extensive gains, and the 16 per cent increase in cattle on feed, Secretary Benson warned farmers against over-expanding hog production. The Secretary believes than an over-expansion may adversely affect present favorable hog prices.

Benson's warning was partly prompted by a recent survey which showed that farmers planned a 14 per cent increase in fall pig production.

While we do not know too much about the beef market, perhaps the increase in the number of cattle on feed will lead to some relief in beef prices.

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LIES ABOUT WORK

It may be true that more lies are told about fishing, and the size of the one that got away, than anything else in the world. However, we suspect that more lies are told about how hard one works than any other thing.

Especially in the warmer climates, there are not too many people—other than laborers who are supervised and who most grind it out—who stick with it for long hours each day. There are a few, and they are dedicated, and they often overwork.

And, looking at it from another angle, there are more of us who overwork in the United States than any other country in the world. Nevertheless, we should suspect than a hefty percentage of those persons claiming they are overworked are merely mentally stagnated. And, again, many people do not actually know what work is. Some think that if they sit in an office, or hold down a chair, that they are working. Many others are, of course, limited in their capabilities.

A wise American once said that a successful executive was a man who could do more work in a short time than anyone else thought he could do. That is a good definition of an executive, and that is often the difference between a business succeeding and failing.

As we indicated earlier, climatic conditions have something to do with the industry and desire for work. In cooler latitudes more industry is exhibited, and cool, dry weather produces a more energetic approach to the events of the day. But while we can blame the weather on some days, and in some areas, the real explanation is that many of us are just plain lazy.

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GRADING COLLEGE DEGREES

Dr. James Conant, former ambassador to West Germany, and former president of Harvard University, has suggested that high schools (and possibly colleges), develop a system of grading their diplomas.

In other words, Dr. Conant points out that a general high school diploma — given to all students who finish their courses successfully—does not distinguish between the exceptionally talented and the barely passable students.

Dr. Conant believes that if a transcript of a student's grades were placed on the back of the student's diploma, it would be a good idea. We heartily agree with this suggestion. In addition, he suggests that high schools, and possibly colleges, might want to distinguish from the exceptionally talented, and those who make excellent grades, and those who did not achieve much distinction in the academic field.

This would enable prospective employers to learn something from a diploma. He could tell whether he had a straight-A student, and in what course his prospective employee was particularly proficient. In brief, he could, from this diploma, learn something of the potential talents and abilities of the job applicant.

We favor this system because it would benefit the employer, and because it would be a better record than is now contained on the diploma, and we also favor it because we think it would do much in the way of an incentive. If students knew their records were to be attached to their diplomas, and if they knew that prospective employers would look over their grades, and see what they did in the various courses, and what grades they made, it would certainly be an added incentive for them to apply themselves in high school and college.

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ON CRACK UNITS

One of the flies in our soup, to use a brand-new expression, is the over-use of trite words in describing military events. Our nomination for the most over-worked word in our language concerning military reporting, is the reference to "crack troops."

We would like to have a definition of "crack" troops. We would like to know how "crack" troops differ from ordinary troops. For example, a recent wire dispatch reported that the United States was sending "crack" units to Germany.

Not only did one reporter describe these troops as "crack" units, but he labelled them troops from a crack "Pentomic" division.

The United States has a limited number of battle-hardened troops in Germany today. The occupation army of Germany is relatively untrained, because—from necessity—many of these troops are strictly serving an enlistment period and not enough of them are professional or regular army men, with battle experience, long training, etc.

The truth is that the troops from a crack Pentomic division are just the same Joe Joneses and Bob Smiths, that can be found in any army unit. The worl "crack" then, if not a misnomer, comes close to being a non sequitur.

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Stonewall

Stonewall, July 29.- We are surely having real July hot weather, and we would like so much to see a nice rain, to get the ground real good and wet.

We want to extend deepest sympathy to the entire Cyrus family in the loss of their dear mother, Mrs. Arthur Cyrus, who died Sunday in Lynchburg Hospital, and will be buried today at Reedy Springs, beside her husband, who died 3 years ago on the 4th of August. A good woman has gone to her reward.

Mrs. Tom Davidson and son, Edward spent last Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. E. L. Chick and Janet Stephenson.

Miss Janie Thornhill, of Lynchburg is visiting her brother, Mr. Street Thornhill and sister-in-law, Mrs. Robert Thornhill.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones and two small sons spend the week-end in Roanoke with relatives.

We are all sorry to see Mrs. P. B. Stratton and Miss Edna Adcock leave our community. Mrs. Stratton is going to move to Richmond and Edna to Appomattox. They will both s urely be missed by many friends here.

Misses Sarah and Clara Braford spent last week at Natural Bridge with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Braford.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Braford and two boys spent Sunday there, and brought the girls home.

Sorry to hear Mrs. Hilda Crance is sick in Lynchburg Hospital. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick and Janet over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Stratton had as their guests over the week-end her brother, Mr. Thompson and his wife and children, from Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Layton Haley and children, of Roanoke spent last week-end with her father, Mr. J. O. Davidson and other home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Parks Jennings and Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dysee have returned home after spending last week on a vacation at Virginia Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler visited Mrs. Lyle Caldwell in Lynchburg last Thursday night. Mrs. Caldwell is still very ill, sorry to say.

Miss Charlene Thomas, of Richmond spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas.

Washington Notes

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Auto Lay-offs Blamed

Summer layoffs in the auto industry are largely to blame for a sudden spurt in new claims for unemployment benefits.

According to a recent Government report, new claims rose by 100,900 during the week ended July 5, to a total of 467,200.

This compared with an increase of 47,800 the week before. But the Labor Department's Bureau of Employment Security said the rise was seasonal, and noted it was smaller than the 103,600 for the corresponding week a year ago, when the total went to 339,300.

Tobacco Crop May Drop

The Agriculture Department says supplies of major cigarette tobaccos—flue-cured and burley—probably will be lower in the 1958-59 marketing year than in the current one.

Carry-over supplies are still comparatively large, the Department said, but this year's production may be below the total of domestic use and exports. This projection of production assumes yields near the average of recent years.

Radiation Briefings

State and local government officials across the country are being briefed by Atomic Energy Commission experts on how to handle radiation incidents in their areas.

Although highly unlikely, it is possible that an accident involving a nuclear reactor or radioactive materials could release hazardous amounts of radioactivity. If such a radiation incident occurs, local officials may seek advice and assistance from the nearest AEC office of the nearest military installation.

Proposed New Agency

Legislation to provide unified control of the nation's fast-growing and fast-moving air traffic, both civilian and military, has come up for action in the Senate.

Senator Monroney (D., Okla.) said its prompt passage is urgently necessary to save lives and to end what he called the present conflicting setup for control of the airways.

The bill would create a Federal aviation agency headed by a civilian administrator. He would have full authority to control the use of air space by both civil and military aircraft and to make and enforce air-traffic rules.

U. S. Halts Aid to Iraq

The United States has cut off all military aid to Iraq until the situation caused by the coup there settles down.

Official sources said the decision was "obvious" and without prejudice to any policy decisions in the future. They said that the aid program could be resumed easily.

U. S. Population

The nation's population stood at 173,888,000 on July 1, an increase of 2,000,000 over a year ago. This includes 907,000 in the new Iraq and nationalists.

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On Tuesday evening, Peggy and Mary Alice Henry, two Longwood College girls, from the Memorial Methodist Church of Appomattox, sang a duet. Peggy carried the obligato in a clear, high voice.

The after-service get-together in the church yard was almost like a home-coming.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carson entertained Dr. Williams, Mr. James Wood, the music director, and Mr. Wilbur Maxwell at a luncheon at their home on Friday. That evening they were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Covington.

Officers of the Pioneers have been elected. They are: President, Marshall Goin; Vice-president, Don Cawthorne; Secretary, Mary Frances Goin; Treasurer, Estella Covington. They were installed on Sunday evening.

Miss Maggie Hix, who has been sick for a week, is somewhat better. Recent callers in her home included Mr. and Mrs. Willie Gilliam, of Baltimore; Mr. Frank Gilliam, of Roanoke; Miss Marguerite Gilliam, of Appomattox; Mrs. Eugene Sears, and Mrs. Mae Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Glover Agee attended a benefit supper at Andersonville on Saturday P. M. The proceeds will go to the Methodist Church there.

Barbara Goin left last week to spend two weeks with her sister, Mrs. Lewis Harris, in Baltimore.

Although gardens were late, recent showers have made vegetables grow, so housewives are busy putting garden products in deep freezes. Some have divided with others. That is the custom in this neighborhood.

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freedom means that when a man, or men, ask us or order us to do what we know is contrary to the will of God, we have to say as Peter and John did to the police court in Jerusalem, we ...God rather than men.

The Price of Liberty

"Eternal vigilance," our revolutionary ancestors said, "is the price of liberty." That is to say, freedom always has to be guarded. Let us give a thought to two enemies of Christian freedom, one outside us, one inside.

One is the state or the community around us. This turns out to be an enemy of freedom when a Christian is discouraged or prevented from speaking out in any way which might seem to criticize the community or the state. That was what got Amos into trouble. The chief priest warned him not to preach any more there in Bethel: "It is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom," he said. In other words, the church belonged to the king and the king could not be criticized, much less condemned. The Lord had commanded him to speak, not the king; and he insisted on being heard. So in our time there are people in politics and out who say that ministers have no business criticizing the government, or the "American way of life." True ministers know their call is from God, not the government, not any other organization whatever. In Atlanta, Georgia, a group of ministers put out a statement condemning segregation as practiced there. If they had thought of the state, or the public in general, as their authority, they never would have dared open their mouths.

Threat From Within

More subtle than attack from without, is the attack on freedom from within. There are in our country far more persons who are slaves to their own sins than persons who are slaves (in body or mind) to the state. Christian freedom is a precious thing, because freedom is what makes the difference between ourselves and the lower animals. If a man lets himself drift into sin far enough, he reaches a point of no return, like a man in a rowboat floating down toward Niagara Falls. When a man forges his own chains, he may even admire the chains as his own handiwork. But a man who cannot and dare not say NO to himself has failed to guard his freedom against his worst enemy —himself.

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Devotional Reading: Isaiah 58:6-12.

Guarding Freedom

Lesson for August 3, 1958

AN OLD prisoner named John Jacobs came into the warden's office at the penitentiary. "Why don't you ask for a parole?" asked the warden, for this was a model prisoner. John said he was not interested. All his people were dead by that time, and most of his friends. No job could be had on the outside. John had no use for a freedom that meant no more than the privilege of starving to death.

Dr. Foreman

Freedom that is nothing but taking off the chains, opening a gate, freedom that is only never hearing the words "You must,"—without ever feeling "I can;" this is freedom nobody wants.

Freedom is Basic

This should be particularly interesting to Christians; for freedom is at the very center of the Christian life. Christ has set us free for freedom, Paul writes. But Christian freedom does not mean that we can now do whatever we like. Freedom does not mean we are never under orders. It does not mean we should never accept any man's authority. It does not mean that we shall run around, each man working out his own little rebellion. A Christian can take orders from other people, and if he is in a subordinate position (as most of us are to somebody), it is usually his Christian duty to take orders and to carry them out as best he can.

Christian freedom means that whatever other authorities have the right to tell us what to do and what not to do, our topmost authority is God. Christian freedom means that we have no right to consent to, or to obey any brand or sort of tyrant or dictator who sets himself up as final judge and controller of other men. Christian

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